

Procedures to follow for the Scouting of Fall Armyworm (FAW)



FAW Caterpillar

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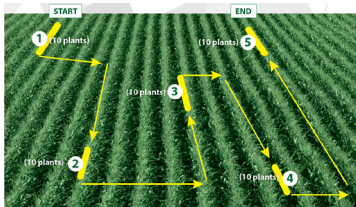


FAW Moth

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Fall Armyworm (FAW) scouting procedures are as follows:

1. Determine the field to be sampled.
2. Sample each plot in the fields that have been planted at separate times with different varieties, or under varying conditions, differently.
3. In the field, walk a path in the shape of the letter, "W", covering the entire field (see Picture below).
4. Inspect 10 plants in a row (at the start, at every turn and at the end).
5. Keep track of the number of plants currently infested.
6. Information collected during field scouting should be carefully recorded.



Demonstration on how to scout for FAW in a field (Picture by FAO)

N.B. It is important for farmers to do scouting at least once a week for the management of FAW

Report presence of FAW to the local Agricultural Office

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